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PORNO JIM COMES CLEAN

JAMES ANDERTONS ANNUAL G.M.C. POLICE REPORT IS A MINE OF FASCINATING INFORMATION.
IT INCLUDES, FOR THE FIRST TIME, DETAILS OF LOCAL "SPECIAL BRANCH" ACTIVITIES, STATISTICS ABOUT BENT COPPERS, AND A GRAPHIC INSIGHT INTO OUR CHIEF CONSTABLES CURIOUS OBSESSION WITH SEXUAL DEVIATION.

According to the Report the GMC "Special Branch" is run by a Superintendant and 52 officers. Last year it took 201 cases to court under the Immigration Acts and 52 for other criminal activities".
In his introduction Anderton claims that the Branch is "not a secret police" he defines its job as investigating "offences against the state", "subversion" and "operating an intelligence gathering agency to provide the Chief Constable with early warning of public order situations." But, no clear definition of what exactly constitutes "subversion" or "offences against the state" is given.
The report also informs us that 95% of the police "tactical aid group" are now trained to use guns while "training for public order situations has continued to be developed."

During 1978 66 policemen appeared before Anderton charged with a total of 111 "offences against the police discipline code", 89 charges were proven and the punishments ranged from "cautions to dismissal from the force".
A further 50 officers "resigned following the commencement of internal disciplinary enquiries into their conduct".
In addition, many hundreds of complaints were made by members of the public against the Manchester Police to the Police Complaints board.
Last year Jim's eagle-eyed vice squad detected no fewer than 36 acts of buggary and 237 cases of 'indecency between males.'
In both these categories of 'crime' there were more cases detected than actually recorded. A success in marked contrast to other areas of crime detection covered in the report.
For example, of 26 recorded murders in 1978 23 were detected. Of 389 recorded cases of "wounding with intent to cause serious injury" 334 were detected, and out of 17,509 "burglaries in a dwelling"only 5,171 were detected.
Anderton's phenominal success in detecting sexual and especially homosexual offences is almost certainly due to the extreme zealousness with which his officers hunt down their perpetrators.

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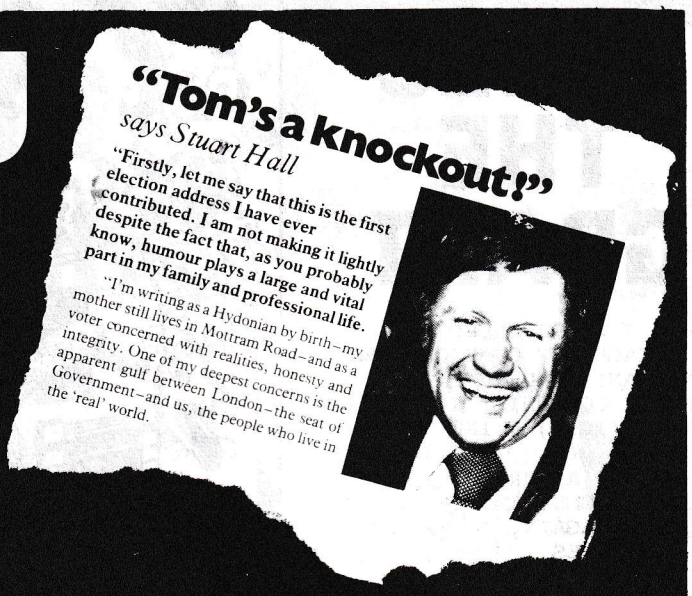
TOM & STU JUST GOOD FRIENDS?


"Tom's a knockout!" says Stuart Hall

"Firstly, let me say that this is the first election address I have ever contributed. I am not making it lightly despite the fact that, as you probably know, humour plays a large and vital part in my family and professional life.

"I'm writing as a Hydonian by birth – my mother still lives in Mottram Road – and as a voter concerned with realities, honesty and integrity. One of my deepest concerns is the apparent gulf between London – the seat of Government – and us, the people who live in the 'real' world.

LOCAL LABOUR MP TOM PENDRY AND TV STAR STUART HALL ARE OLD FRIENDS AND WELL KNOWN PUBLIC FIGURES. BUT RECENTLY THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THEIR FRIENDSHIP, THEIR CAREERS AND THEIR FAMILIES BUSINESS INTERESTS HAVE BECOME DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH.

In May Stuart Hall wrote an election address for Tom Pendry that was pushed through letterboxes all over his Stalybridge and Hyde seat. The address openly capitalised on Hall's popularity as front-man for the BBC programme 'It's a Knockout!' (See illustration).

As a result Hall was suspended from his job on LOOK NORTH for the duration of the election. The BBC clearly feared that this intrusion into local politics had tarnished his impartial image.

Honest

The offending election address stressed his long personal friendship with Pendry, and Hall's own concern with "realities, honesty and integrity". It did not however, mention any business connection between their two families.

In fact Pendry's wife Moira and Hall's wife Hazel, are directors of HALL PENDRY ASSOCIATES, a Public Relations firm which has worked hard to promote a number of large local businesses.

Last year both the Halls and the Pendrys had dealings of one sort or another with the ADAMSON group of local companies, part of ACROW, a large multi-national corporation, (See EYE 5).

Moira Pendry and Hazel Hall, in their capacity as directors of HALL PENDRY ASSOCIATES, were doing promotional work for ADAMSON CONTAINERS LTD., in Stockport. This included publicising the visit of a Chinese Trade Delegation to the factory.

TOM, MOIRA, TWO DOGS AND A BABY

Pendry's own involvement with ADAMSONS arose out of his job as MP. There is a traditionally good relationship between Tameside area MPs and ADAMSONS. Their desire for increased employment prospects often coincide with the Company's desire for increased profits. And, according to New Manchester Review, Pendry gave support to ADAMSON CONTAINERS in their fight to secure Planning Permission for a factory extension, against the wishes of Stockport Council and the DOE.

So, Pendry s reported meeting last year with ADAMSON directors in the Strangers Bar of the House of Commons was quite proper, as was his attendance at an ADAMSON social function at Belle-Vue last year, accompanied by his wife and Stuart Hall.

Later on in 1978 Pendry was able to use this special relationship with the ADAMSON directors to help a constituent.

Mrs. Joan Cartilage approached Pendry to support her equal-pay claim against her former employers, ADAMSON AND HATCHETT of Dukinfield. (See EYE 5).

Pendry took her legal papers down to London and acted as a go-between. He passed on ADAMSONS offer of a £500 out-of-court settlement, pointing out that the firm's 'Pride was Hurt'. Mrs. Cartilage did not accept the offer, pressed on with her case, and won. ADAMSONS were directed to pay her £3,691 in compensation. This is six times the amount offered through Pendry.

The fact that both Tom and Moira Pendry have had dealings with ADAMSONS has led to speculation that the MP holds some unofficial position in his wife's company. Pendry denies this emphatically, stressing that his wife's business activities are entirely her own concern.

As Tom Pendry is, in the words of Stuart Hall "a man of integrity", there is no reason to doubt this denial. So the fact

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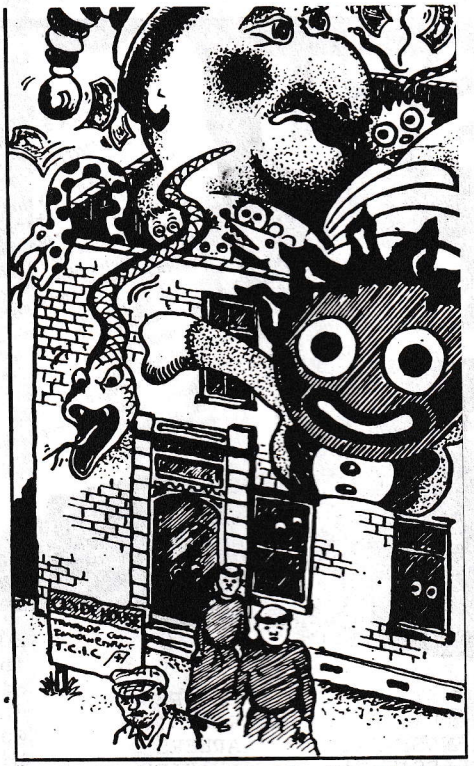
JONES THE GRANT

IN EYE 5 WE REVEALED THAT MIS MANAGEMENT OF "JOB CREATION" GRANTS HAD LEFT THE TAMESIDE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL (TCIC) OWING THE GOVT. £20,000. TCIC IS NOW TO RECEIVE A FURTHER £60,000 OF GOVT. MONEY AND IS BEGINNING, ONCE AGAIN, TO SPREAD ITS TENTACLES.

TCIC is a voluntary body run by Ashton Senior Probation Officer Charlie Jones and a number of other local notables. The £60,000 is to come from Govt. 'Urban Aid' grants, and is to be used on TCIC's Battered wives hostels.

Tameside Council recently agreed to back the Govt.grant to TCIC on condition that its trustees effected a reconciliation with with Meg Brickell of the Tameside Volunteer Bureau who had, since her estrangement with Jones in 1978 (see Eye 5) been running all but one of the hostels.



Clyde House: Artist's Impression.

More recently at a meeting of the Tameside Community Projects Unit - brainchild of Tamesides 'Community Liason Officer' Frank Skinner- it was announced by TCPU Chairman Bill Owen that Charlie Jones had offered TCPU the use of TCIC's Clyde House Headquarters.

Bill Owen is no stranger to Clyde house , he once worked there as an electrician employed on one of Charlie Jones's Job Creation Projects.

Owen is now proposing to obtain about 15 staff using Manpower Services Commission Cash. Manpower (who used to be in charge of Job Creation money) have already turned down one scheme because the estimates were not acceptable, but, undeterred, TCPU is now making a second application - backed by £100 guarantees by the Churches and Amenities groups they intend working for.

If the TCPU application is successful and their 15 new staff are housed at Clyde House it will, with the £60,000 Urban Aid money, represent a big step forward in the rehabilitation of Jones' ailing organisation.

TOM AND STU cont. from p. 3

that, on one occasion last year, his duty as an MP to support a large local employer happened to coincide with his wife's duties as a paid Public Relations Officer to that same company, is obviously a pure, if unfortunate coincidence.

Stuart Hall, on the other hand, IS connected with his wife's business.

In letters to clients published in PRIVATE EYE last year he refers to HALL PENDRY ASSOCIATES as "Our Company". The letters give details of how his firm "secured the exclusive rights to promote Liverpool F.C. for the coming season". They go on to explain how sponsors could pay a lump-sum of £25,000 to Liverpool in return for a wide range of advertising privileges, free tickets and other perks. No mention is made of how much HALL PENDRY ASSOCIATES got out of it.

A letter written by Hall to British Leyland in January 1978 shows how he planned to use his position as front man for 'It's a Knockout' to further his promotional campaigns. The letter asked Leyland to subsidise the cost of a Triumph TR7, tricked out in Shell-Oil colours, so that Hall could use it "personally on my Knockout travels". Hall argued that this would not only be "promotional for SHELL but LEYLAND as well". Hall then asked whether Leyland would like to become one of the four sponsors "at a major North West 1st division Football Club". Unfortunately, Leyland turned down this package deal offer because it did not have sufficient merit".

TOM PENDRY WON THE MAY ELECTION WITH A GOOD MAJORITY. AND THAT, NO DOUBT, WAS DUE TO HIS WORK AS A CONSTITUENCT M.P. BUT THE INTERVENTION OF STUART HALL IN THE CAMPAIGN MUST CERTAINLY HAVE HELPED. AND PENDRY'S DEFEATED OPPONENT JOHN KERSHAW MUST NOW BE WISHING THAT HE TOO HAD A FAMOUS TV PERSONALITY PREPARED TO STAND UP AND SAY HOW WONDERFUL HE IS.

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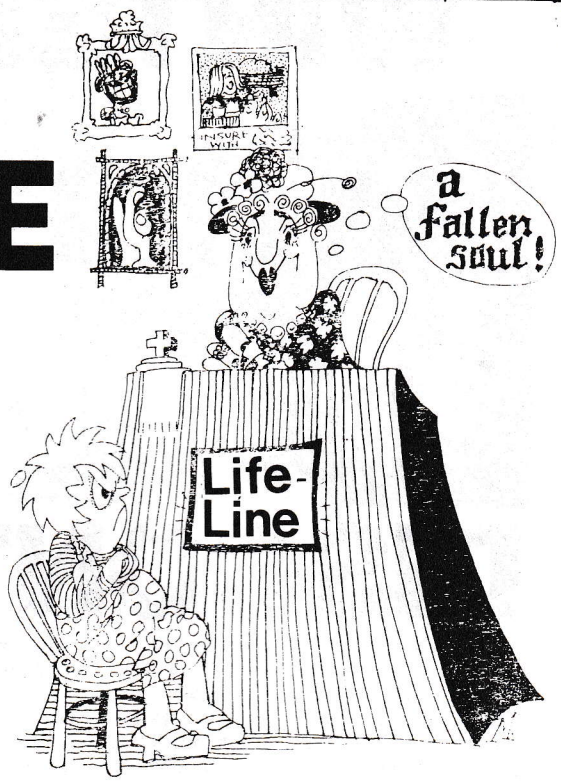
For example, in a lavatory in Butler St. Colleyhurst, the GMC vice squad has had a special fake ventilation grill fitted so that pairs of police men can sit unobserved for hours whilst watching for 'acts of indecency between males'.

And 9 city centre vice squad men spent so long last year observing a prostitute and her girlfriend that the judge complained about the drain on tax payers money, and suggested that the police in question would have done better to "patrol the streets" where the real crime is.

Anderton's latest venture is "The Central Obscene Publications Section". It has six officers working full time investigating newsagents and other porno outlets, and is now empowered to investigate "complaints relating to displays or exhibitions in recognised galleries and museums. Culture lovers will be relieved to hear that there is as yet no truth in the rumour that Manchester's Greek statues and classical nudes will now be appearing with fig leaves and jock straps attached.

OVERBOARD WITH LIFELINE



EVERY YEAR TAMESIDE SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDE 'FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY BODIES'. THIS CONSISTS LARGELY OF SMALL GRANTS (E.G. £200) AND TOTALLED £8,000 LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, THE ANTI-ABORTION ORGANISATION LIFELINE (U.K.) LTD. RECEIVED A GRANT OF £100 LAST YEAR, AND IS IN LINE FOR MORE THIS YEAR. IS THIS THE KIND OF 'VOLUNTARY BODY' TO GET SUPPORT FROM YOUR RATES?

In its blurb, Lifeline says it is a 'non-directive counselling service for unwanted or problem pregnancies'. Yet its local base is in Central Manchester, not Tameside, and it offers full-time employment to two counsellors. Clearly, its claims on Tameside's rates are nothing to do with it being either voluntary or local.
It is also not to be confused with Lifeline Trust, a Manchester based centre for people with drugs problems. The Trust is understandably sore that they have had their name pinched by another organisation.

BIAS

Lifeline (U.K.) is actually anti-abortion and therefore the neutrality of its counselling service needs to be questioned. Instead it suggests that adoption or keeping the baby are the only real alternatives for the pregnant woman. When Lifeline (U.K.) applied for Inner Cities cash in Manchester, voluntary organisations opposed them because they'will not do referrals to the British Pregnancy Advisory Service.'

A Manchester councillor, Val Stevens, opposed their grant of £10,000 for 5 years - but came up against a well-organised anti-abortion and Catholic lobby and her motion was heavily defeated in Council.

THE 'LIFE' LINK

Lifeline's name and aims are not dissimilar to other anti-abortion organisations. For example, there is 'Life Housing Trust', 'Let Live', 'Life Labour Group', 'Life Tory'. Lifeline may claim no connection, but it appears that Life is providing the philosophy and the pamphlets, whilst these various organisations get on with the practice.

In its own words, the wealthy 'Life' is a national anti-abortion organisation, non denominational and non party political. Unlike Lifeline and Let Live, Life is quite open about its political intentions. They are all, however, exceedingly cagey about their connections with the Catholic church. In the past, Cardinal Hume has been the Guest of Honour at Life's annual conference.

THAT'S LIFE

The Chairman of Life is Professor J.J. Scarisbrick, a historian at Warwich University. His attitudes towards women are themselves taken from medieval times. With reference to rape, he said. 'And in the case of the girl who is raped by the stranger and conceives - yes in a sense it is a fearful thing.' In a sense it would seem more appropriate for the professor to stick to history, for counselling of women with unwanted pregnancies to be done by people who have no axe to grind, and for Tameside Social Services to cease supporting anti-abortionists with cash from the rates.

THE WAFFEN WAFFLER

DAVID JONES

It's been a bad year for local NF man Anthony Jones who lives on Bowness Road, Ashton. He started off well as the new North West Organiser for his Party.

But the blues began in January when Jones - a shops inspector with Manchester Council - found himself having to deny public accusations that he had victimised two Asian retailers.

Then he was agent for the NF Candidate in Manchester's Lloyd Street by-election and his man came last out of five candidates with only 44 votes.

Then in May it was his turn.

As NF candidate for the Ashton Constituency he polled a pitiful 486 votes and lost his deposit.

Then his employers stopped him inspecting Asian shops and put him to work inside the council offices doing uncontroversial tasks like registering hairdressers.

Jones is now trying to get his reluctant union - NALGO - to take up his case with Manchester Council. The problem is trying to find someone to represent him.

His search for a champion will surely not be helped by recent revelations in the Manchester City Enquirer of letters written by Jones to Airfix Magazine defending the reputation of the Waffen S.S.

WINTER OF DISCONTENT

This winter there was a bitter five week strike by ASTMS foreman and supervisors at Delta Enfield (Cables) Ltd. in Stalybridge. The strike ended on March 26th, leaving behind lessons for the future and an inter-union dispute. The strike was a result of Delta management's refusal to negotiate over pay and conditions. In January this year they offered ASTMS members 5% (the Govt.guideline) and no improved conditions. After 5 weeks on a bitterly cold picket line, and ACAS intervention the management offered 8% and the strike ended.

poor relation

Delta Enfield at Stalybridge is the poor relation in a large multi-national company and Peter Turnridge (the site Manager) intends it to stay that way. ACAS were told by Delta: 'The correct frame of reference for solving our problems is the Stalybridge Setting, local conditions...' And so the Stalybridge factory has lower pay, longer hours, less holiday, poorer sick pay than Delta sites elsewhere.

Not content with refusing parity with other parts of the Delta empire, the strikers found the Stalybridge management had other tricks up their sleeves. For instance, when ASTMS members struck in the same pay dispute at the Neville Druce Rolling Mill in Romily, the management insisted on separate negotiations because the mill was in a separate division of Delta to Stalybridge.

tricks

And, at one point during the strike, the factory was short of reel ends. A furniture van turned up and the pickets were told there was a desk inside for the welfare office. When the flaps came down inside the yard, the van was loaded with reel ends.

Tricks like this have left the ASTMS members far more determined, according to Ron Moulding, who has worked for Delta for over eight years. If the Govt.puts restrictions on picketing, Ron reckons they should adopt similar restrictions on management actions.

reorganization

The support for the ASTMS strike was patchy. ETU/AUEW and TASS members gave support but did not strike in sympathy. However, GMWU chargehands complied with Turnridges request to do jobs normally undertaken by ASTMS foremen. Turnridge claims this worked so well, that there will soon be a factory 'reorganisation' and since the strike ended ASTMS members have had overtime stopped - causing financial hardship and hardening of attitudes.

The biggest headache was that TGWU drivers from 18 different firms broke the picket line. At first, it was because they were waiting for a directive from the Area Officer, then the decision whether to scab or not was left to each driver. Tameside Trades Council's Disputes Committee are still looking into the matter.

CHAIRMAN BERT QUITS LABOUR

BERT ELLICOTT, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAMESIDE TRADES UNION COUNCIL AND UNTIL RECENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE STALYBRIDGE AND HYDE CONSTITUENCY PARTY HAS RESIGNED FROM THE LABOUR PARTY AND JOINED THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

He argues that the Labour party has become a positive hindrance to the working class 'achieving socialism'

uncompromising

Ellicott's uncompromising Socialism and his outspokenness have made him many enemies in the local Labour party. But, the loss of someone with his wide-ranging political and trade union experience can only be a blow to the confidence of his former comrades.

This won't be the first time he has upset them.

In Jubilee Year he made national news when he 'burnt' the Royal Garden Party tickets allocated to Trades Council members. Evening News letter writers were outraged It turned out that Bert had not burnt the tickets, but by then it was too late for anyone to attend.

Then in May he opposed the re-adoption of Tom Pendry M.P. as Labour Candidate for Stalybridge and Hyde. He followed this up with a press interview explaining why he wouldn't vote at all.

As a result of his remarks at Pendry's adoption meeting he was banned from Stalybridge Labour Club, despite the fact that the meeting had been private.

complaint

In a letter of complaint to the Club Secretary, Councillor Jack Thornley, Ellicott accuses the Committee of political censorship and 'exercising ill-judged, petty and dictatorial spite against me for personal reasons which are too pusillanimous to mention.'

'You can no more organise a workers' revolution through parliament than you can organise a strike through a joint committee with your employer.'

Bert Ellicott

PROMISES PROMISES

WHAT CHANGES CAN WE LOOK FORWARD TO AT THE HANDS OF OUR NEW LABOUR COUNCIL? TAMESIDE EYE BRINGS YOU A CHECK LIST OF RASH PROMISES MADE BY LABOUR DURING THE YEARS OF TORY MISRULE; HOW MANY WILL THEY KEEP?

NO SALE COUNCIL HOUSES ☑

"We will stop council house sales"

They've done it - but are allowing the ten or so sales in the pipeline to be completed. And if legislation is brought in to force councils to sell you could well see Tameside in the national news again, supporting Manchester Council who intend to fight such legislation in the courts. They are determined not to sell council houses because it reduces the stock of housing available for the lower paid and those who need it most.

MORE NEW HOUSES ☐

"We will build more houses" (900 a year was mentioned once) They intend to clear industry from Central and West End of Ashton, offering firms incentives to move to a new industrial site at Whitelands Rd. More houses will be built, and leisure amenities in the Portland Basin area (there's already talk of a hotel).

Eyes are turning towards Ashtons Park Bridge; there's space to build there and they're thinking of a mixed development with private and council housing and possibly a social services home or school.

That will cost - a new road and sewers are needed before you even think about the housing. How willthe bills be met?

One way of financing some of these plans is by applying for an Inner City Grant from central Govt. Tameside has been rejected once but Labour plans to form a partnership with M/cr. and apply together (this has been successful in Oldham).

But will the Tory Govt. give a rebellious Labour council money for building? (N.B. past history - the Tory ex council underspent by £2million a govt. housing improvement loan).

TOWN HALL REVIEW ☑

Ashton's £11 million complex- a review of the whole project.

Labour have discovered it can't be scrapped because contracts have been signed. So, they've made a committment to saving about 10% of the cost, to be re-allocated to areas of dire need such as social services.

COMPS. TO COME ☑

Comprehensive Education - "it will go ahead"

Schools will be called comprehensives from Sept. and in the following year they will have their first comprehensive intake. Having capitalised on the Tory lunacy of May '77 in re-allocating kids at the last minute, Labour aren't going to make a similar mistake. One change that will happen this Sept.- extra space is being provided in those schools (like Ashton Grammar) which will eventually be 6th form colleges, and sixth formers are encouragedto move schools now. Also promised - a new school in Hyde.

HOME HELPS ☐

Home Helps "the service will be improved"

More home help organisers will be appointed, to use home helps in a greater variety of situations (e.g. in times of illness, in one parent families etc). This scheme should ease situations where children are likely to be taken into care. It will cost £36,000.

OPEN DOORS ☐

Council Chamber to be bookable by voluntary bodies.

At the next meeting an application by the council for racial equality to hold a meeting will be considered (this group was thrown out by the Tories).

RACISTS BANNED ☑

Banning the racist National Front from Town Halls and council football pitches.

RENT COLLECTORS ☐

Re-introduction of rent collectors.

Seems unlikely, but is coming up for discussion. More contact between officialdom and housing estates is needed, but properly trained estate liason officers are preferable to rent collectors, whose bulging wallets make them good targets for muggers.

LABOUR'S PLANS NEED MONEY. WILL A TORY GOVT. PAY FOR NEW COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS OR GIVE BUILDING MONEY TO A COUNCIL THAT WON'T SELL COUNCIL HOUSES? TAMESIDE VOTERS PAY DEARLY FOR THEIR CONTRARINESSS IN ELECTING TWO SUCCESSIVE COUNCILS OF "THE WRONG PARTY" NATIONALLY. LOCAL PLANS DON'T FIND FAVOUR WITH THE GOVT. OF THE DAY AND WE CONTINUE TO BE STARVED OF THE FINANCIAL AID WE NEED.

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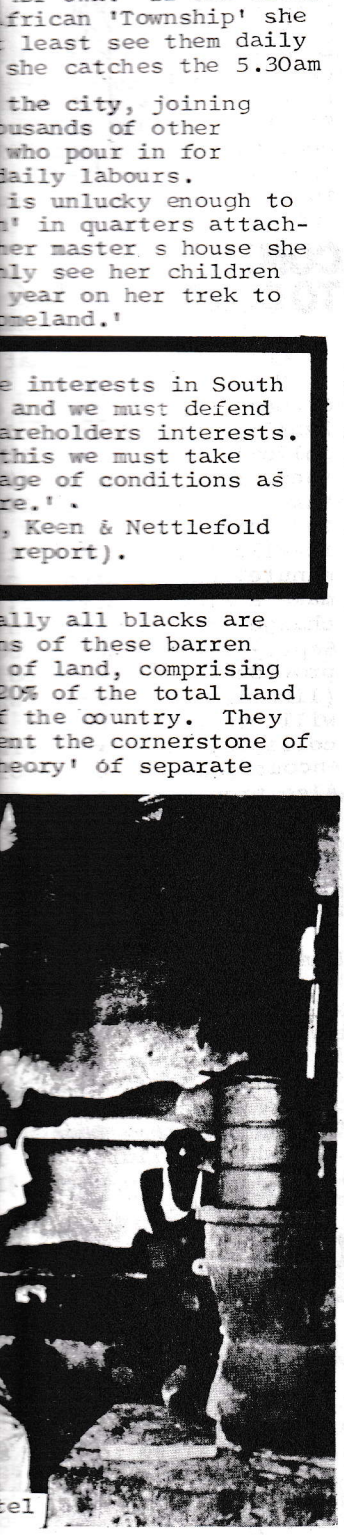

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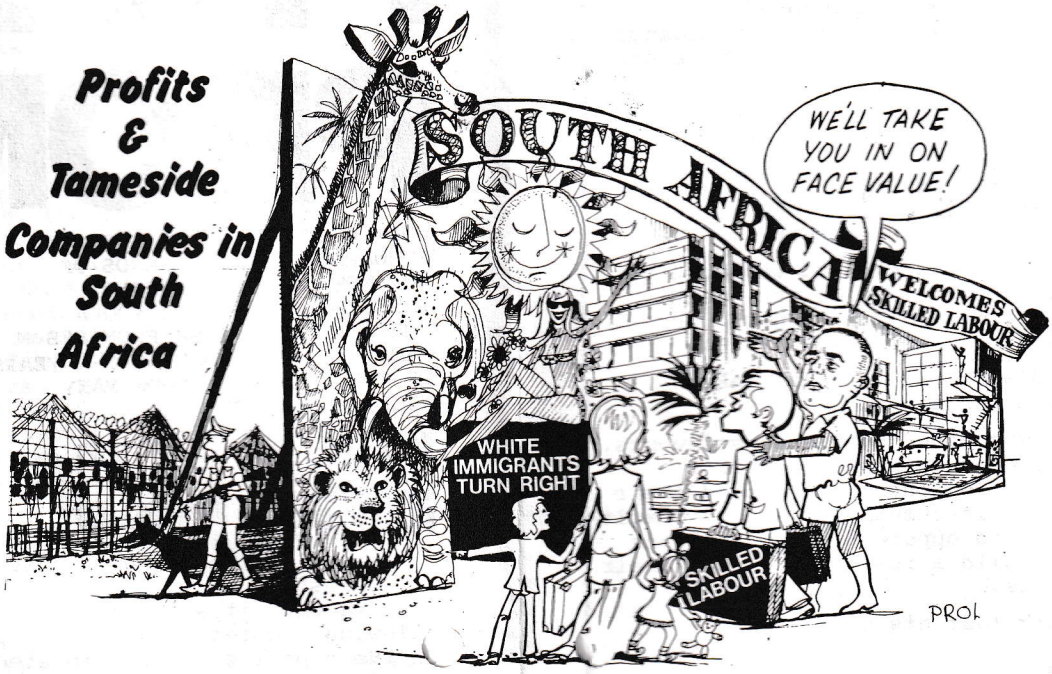

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Twenty years on from the appeal by black South Africa for a trade and investment boycott, Britain, the US and EEC have all responded by pouring in more money and importing more goods.
The South African regime is repressive, fanatical and rich, it has numerous international friends. It is not invincible. The internal struggles of SOWETO show this; the African struggles in Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Namibia show this. The opinion of ordinary working people in Tameside can also have an impact if it is backed by ACTION.
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*Put prospective emigrants in the picture.
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development of the races and are proclaimed as potential sovereign nations. In reality they are, and will remain, arid labour reserves. With the able-bodied away working, the homelands are populated by the old, sick and unemployed men and women all of whom are dependent on the wages sent to them from migrant workers.
In the Townships, or increasingly in the barrack like blocks of hostels which sleep 20 or 30 to a room, workers spend long hours at unskilled, low paid labour, servicing the mines and factories of South Africa's highly developed capitalist economy.

Pass Laws

Outside the hostel compounds, blacks must carry identity papers containing details of employment and permission to be in white areas. This pass law system results in 700,000 instant detentions each year, or in other words 2,000 each day. Other offences lead to harsh penalties. Sth.Africa alone accounts for nearly half of the worlds judicial

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Britain has long been the major provider of the economic lifeline to the ruling white elite in South Africa. South Africa is a country often thought of as where the 'good life' is to be had in exchange for industrial and professional skills. It is true that swimming pools and servants are not only to be had by factory owners, but also white workers, despite the recent recession. But few would-be emigrants ask themselves who it is who generates such wealth, or if the two thirds of the population which is black might have similar aspirations.

The Good Life -For Some

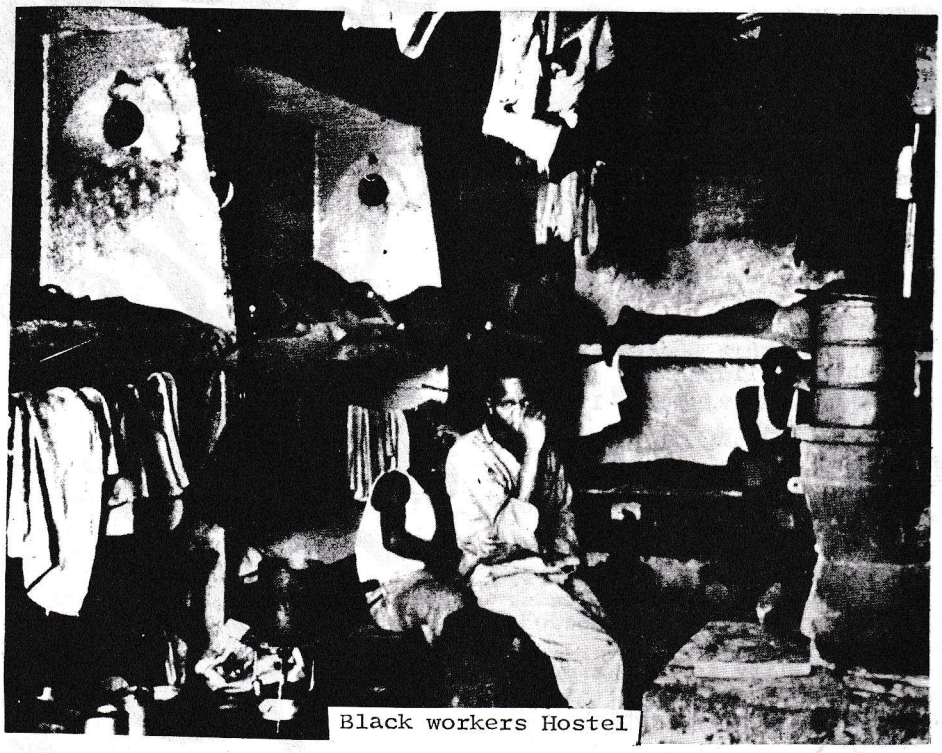
Neither new immigrants, nor most white South Africans care to be reminded of their dependency on cheap black labour. In the suburbs of Cape Town or Johannesburg, blacks are merely part of the furnishings of affluence. They are tolerated so long as they serve.
But whites still sometimes feel insecure. Betsy, widow of assassinated Prime Minister Hendrick Verwoed was worried when she said of black nannies '...even the characteristic smell which is normally repulsive to white persons, will become associated in the childs mind with whom he spends most of his time.'

The 'normal' assumption is that blacks should be grateful for being allowed to operate the baa's factories, work his mines and clean up his domestic mess. Many whites even claim the 'special relationship' once cited by Southern States U.S. plantation owners in defence of slavery.

From the servants quarters the prospect is less rosy. The 'nanny' will likely have children of her own. If she lives in an African 'Township' she will at least see them daily before she catches the 5.30am bus to the city, joining the thousands of other blacks who pour in for their daily labours.
If she is unlucky enough to 'live in' in quarters attached to her master s house she will only see her children once a year on her trek to the 'Homeland.'

'We have interests in South Africa and we must defend our shareholders interests. To do this we must take advantage of conditions as they are.' .
(Guest, Keen & Nettlefold annual report).

Officially all blacks are citizens of these barren tracts of land, comprising under 20% of the total land area of the country. They represent the cornerstone of the 'theory' of separate development of the races and are proclaimed as potential sovereign nations. In reality they are, and will remain, arid labour reserves. With the able-bodied away working, the homelands are populated by the old, sick and unemployed men and women all of whom are dependent on the wages sent to them from migrant workers.
In the Townships, or increasingly in the barrack like blocks of hostels which sleep 20 or 30 to a room, workers spend long hours at unskilled, low paid labour, servicing the mines and factories of South Africa's



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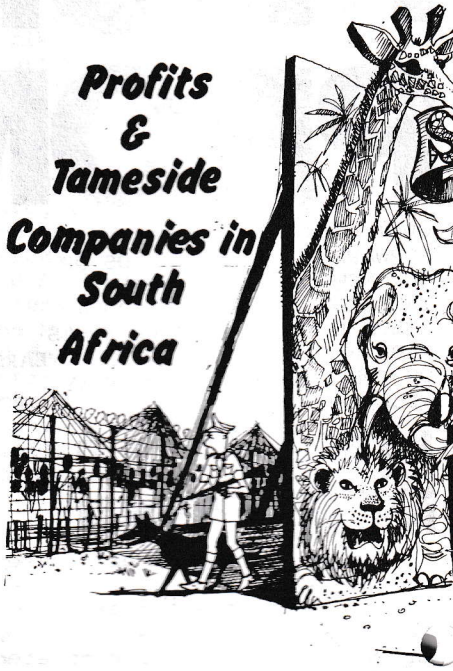

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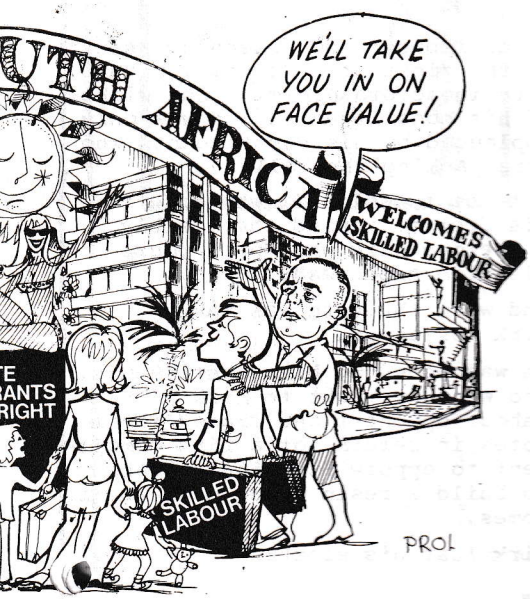

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Pass Laws

Outside the hostel compounds, blacks must carry identity papers containing details of employment and permission to be in white areas. This pass law system results in 700,000 instant detentions each year, or in other words 2,000 each <u>day</u>. Other offences lead to harsh penalties. Sth.Africa alone accounts for nearly half of the worlds judicial executions.
Such contracts of employment as exist work wholly to the benefit of the employers.

Tameside Connections

Few public companies in Britain do not have interests in Sth. Africa. Britain is the largest single investor in the country, and its largest single export market. Tameside firms are very much involved in these transactions. Glynwed, Adamson & Hatchet, Adamsons Containers, British Vita and perhaps most sinister of all, ICL are all 'doing their bit.'

Conditions as they are?
Deaths under 1 yr.of age: white babies 1 in 50, black babies 1 in 3.

ICL currently busy building a huge complex on Manchester Rd. Ashton are even managing to profit from the American decision not to sell military equipment to the regime. Having no such scruples ICL is supplying the South African police, various bantustan administrations and Atlas Aircraft with the technology they need to control the people under the apartheid system. Recent modernisation of industry and administration has depended on imported technology like that from ICL. The company has tried to defend the sales by arguing this technology will benefit blacks in Sth.Africa.

A"Special Relationship"

Perhaps they are referring by this to the more speedy deportation to a homeland they may never have seen of the more troublesome members of the black community.

'ICL have decided to support South African business, Govt and people...we don't just sell computers, we get into bed with our customers. (Managing Director ICL S.A.)

Sterling Mouldings, the accident prone Tameside chemical firm, was recently taken over by Rio Tinto Zinc who made 24.3million pounds profit before tax, from their South African investments in 1978. British Vita, which has one of its several Greater M/cr. works in Ashton owns 50% of Vitafoam S.A. a South African company.

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That well -known local philanthropist, Sir George Kenyon JP, has considerable interests in South Africa.
Kenyon is director of English Calico which has two Rhodesian and five South African subsidiaries. And, the family firm William Kenyon and Sons has a Rhodesian subsidiary in addition. As Chairman of the Manchester University Council since 1972, he has to bear considerable responsibility for the maintenance of it's massive investment in South Africa, amounting to over two thirds of its total investment portfolio.
Last, but by no means least, there is Glynwed, Audenshaw. They own some 68% of DEFY Industries Ltd. again a Sth. African company which produces cookers, washing machines, tumble dryers, dishwashers and micro wave ovens.
A shame the black workers who make them will probably never be able to afford to buy such goodies. ENDS

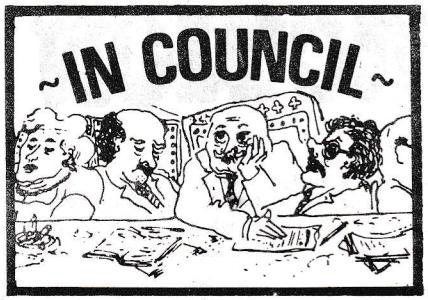
LANE BRAINS

THE GMC WANTS THE NEW OUTER RING-ROAD TO HAVE SIX LANES. BUT ITS OWN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UNIT THINKS IT ONLY NEEDS FOUR IN SOME PLACES.

A six lane M-way would mean greater destruction of land and property. And it would be much more expensive. So why do GMC want all six?

Not, as you would think, because of traffic volume. They want the extra lane in both directions to "enable one lane to be closed for maintenance and still leave two open".

Thanks to City Enquirer.



The internal voting for deputy leader of Tameside's new Labour council was a damn close-run thing.
In the end Percy Travis got it by a one-vote majority over Roy Oldham
Oldham had already been beaten in his bid for leadership by sitting tenant George Newton. Newton was the obvious, if not necessarily best, choice for leader. As the job's sitting tenant at the time of the election landslide he was in a virtually unassilable position. But the choice of Travis rather than Newton's former deputy Oldham, comes as a surprise and undoubtedly represents a victory for Labour's lumpen right over their slightly less lumpen left.

Oldham must be feeling all the more bitter when he recalls that he, more than anyone else, is the brains behind the plans Labour are now trumpeting in the local press. For lack of any thing positive emerging from Labour's official, but virtually moribund, Policy group, the ideas formulated unofficially by Oldham and a small group of young left-wing councillors have been accepted more or less across the board.

Poor Ross Kirk.

He used to be a Dukinfield Councillor.

Until he came under the fearful curse of Ex-Tory Leader Colin Grantham.

You see, Kirk tried to defy the whip that Colin imposed on the controversial Sterling Mouldings vote just prior to the May election.

In an impassioned speech he asserted the right of a Councillor to vote in accordance with the wishes of his constituents. He was duly applauded by his constituents who were packing the gallery.

But not by Colin G. who rose to his feet to remind the visibly quavering Kirk who "pays your election expenses".

And when the vote was taken Kirk abstained.

He was booed by his constituents, who went straight to Kirk's Labour opponent and traded their votes in return for a firm commitment to oppose Sterling's plans to build a resin plant near their homes.

Kirk lost his election.

With all manner of expensive projects in the pipe-line Dukinfield residents must now be wondering whether the new Labour council are going to risk a £3m compensation claim by once again reversing planning permission for Sterling Mouldings controversial resin plant.
Last December ALL the Labour councillors voted to revoke the permission. But in May. Labour councillors were, significantly, only asking the Tories to WAIT before voting. There are rumours that Cllr. Hatton (Lab) is going to raise the issue again. But how much support will he get from his comrades is highly debatable. And this could leave Dukinfield's new Labour Cllr, Robin Denyer, out on a limb.

Breast Lumps

Most breast lumps are harmless lumps of fatty tissue or cysts. However, it may also be a first sign of cancer, so it's important to take any lump seriously.

Breast Cancer is the commonest form of cancer in women (5% of women get it).

Fortunately, if it's detected early enough 80% of women can live a normal life after treatment.

Things to look for;

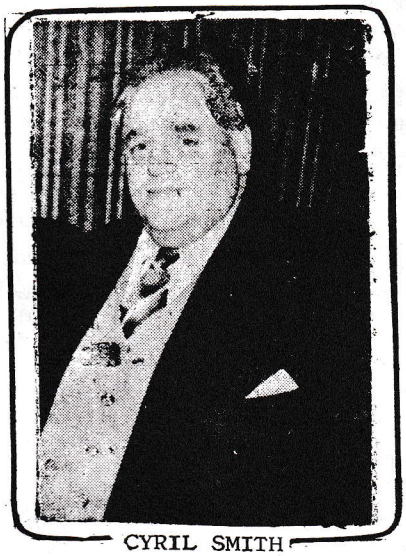
1. Painless lumps in the breast (apart from period times when many of us get them.)

2. Dimpling of the skin or indrawing of the nipple over a short period of time.

3. Bleeding or soreness and flaking around the nipple.

The best thing to do is to examine your breasts regularly (about once every three months should be sufficient). Gently feel all around the breast with the flat of your fingers, going around in a circle so as not to miss any part. Check under the arms for lumps too.
99% of lumps are harmless so don't worry unduly if you find one. It's important to be examined quickly so that any necessary treatment can be carried out. Treatment for breast cancer can include drug treatment, X-Ray treatment or, as a last resort, removal of the breast.

There's nothing like filth for selling papers - alternative or otherwise.
Recently RAP - Rochdales venerable old scandal sheet-stepped into the gutter alongside our national press with its own shock horror exposé of dubious Liberal party doings.
According to sworn statements published in RAP, local Rochdale MP and Liberal big-wig CYRIL SMITH used his position as secretary of a local boys club to inflict curious 'punishments' and 'medical examinations' on his young charges.
The story was immediately taken up by Manchester's alternative press but studiously ignored by every national paper apart from PRIVATE EYE.



CYRIL SMITH

Why ?
Was it a case of the establishment's good taste overriding its passion for truth?
Well, no-one knows whether the Scott/Thorpe business is true or not, and it is certainly in bad taste.
But this did not stop our beloved national press from drooling over every drop of scandal oozing from the Old Bailey.
This is because Court cases are privileged. Which means you can't get sued for publishing what is said at them.

But Cyril Smith's alleged activities have not landed him in court, which means that any newspaper that writes about them runs the risk of a libel case. This explains why the national press kept quiet.
But why did RAP publish?
A passion for truth overriding its renowned good taste? Undoubtedly. But it is also interesting to note that, until their sell-out Smith issue, RAP's circulation had been falling.
And I understand that the sales of Manchester's CITY ENQUIRER did not suffer when they spread Cyril all over their front page.

Did you know that the Ashton Constituency Labour Party has over 1,000 members? And the Stalybridge and Hyde Labour Party too? AND the High Peak Party? And EVERY Constituency Labour Party in the country?

You didn't?

Good, because in fact they HAVEN'T!

But according to Transport House records they have. Why? Well, every Constituency Labour Party HAS to have at least 1,000 members to get a vote at the annual policy-making conference. But most of them don't have anywhere near 1,000 members. Ashton, for example, has got about 400. But they ALL want a vote.
So what they do every year is buy a job-lot of 1,000 membership cards from Transport House at 80p or so each, secure their conference vote, and then chuck the lot in the nearest dustbin.

Transport House doesn't ask any questions, and goes on claiming phenomenal national membership figures when in fact membership has been steadily declining for the last thirty years.

The election coverage of that upstanding organ 'The Reporter' (and its stable mates 'The Herald' and 'The Chronicle') was a triumph of Democratic balance and objectivity.

Or was it?
'Reporter' readers may be interested to know that several 'objective' reports of political meetings were in fact written by the press officers of the parties concerned.

And 'Reporter' editors themselves may be interested to know that at least one report - which actually appeared in their pages-gave graphic details of speeches made AT A MEETING THAT NEVER HAPPENED.

John 'stronger penalties' Kershaw, made a last ditch attempt to catch the Hattersley vote by putting round a leaflet called 'Hattersley Extra'. In it he raved about Law 'N' Order and once again raised the issue of Moors murders.

JOHN KERSHAW

The last occasion when he raised the issue was at a 'hang 'em and flog 'em' meeting in Arundale Primary school last year. This meeting was attended by various Tory stalwarts, an imported crowd from outside Hattersley and about half a dozen Hattersley people - all of whom opposed hanging and Kershaw's cheap political trick of stigmatising Hattersley by referring to Myra Hindley.

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Tameside Eye disco
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Burlington St.
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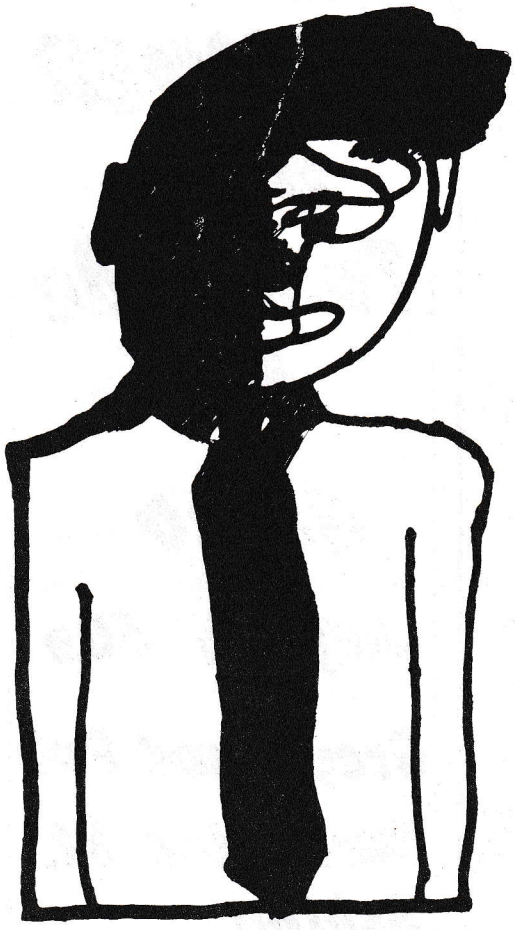

chain of being

by glenn woolfenden

X had told the landlord twenty times, but still he did nothing. 'This accommodation is a disgrace!' X would shout. 'If I were to call in the Housing Inspector, he'd have you prosecuted straightaway!' But to no avail. The landlord would nod his head gravely, assure X that he'd look into the matter, snatch the rent and disappear hastily.
X paid a great deal of money for the privilege of occupying this accommodation. He had a small living room, with a cooker and sink in the corner, and a tiny bathroom. There was no hot water, so he was forced to boil huge saucepans of water to take a bath. The state of the rooms was appalling: the plaster crumbled, fungus took root, dampness loosened the yellowing wallpaper and draughts came in everywhere. During a storm, the place more than likely flooded. In winter, it was impossible to heat the rooms adequately; in summer they were as hot and airless as an oven.
But worst of all, there were the insects. X identified different kinds from a book on the subject and realised that almost every type of common infestational insect of temperate zones was living and breeding in the walls, the floor and ceiling of his dwelling place. He established the presence of American, German and Oriental cockroaches, bed bugs, flies, the hide beetle, the rust-red flour beetle, the saw-toothed grain beetle and the Pharoah's ant.
No amount of killing could stem the tide of this plague. X endured the same horrible ritual nightly. He would lie in bed wide awake and sweating in anticipation of the ordeal ahead, until the dead of night. Then he'd dart for the light switch. On the impact of the light, the hundreds of black dots on the walls and ceiling would be thrown into frenzied activity, scurrying here and there beating their tiny wings. X would splatter them with a rolled-up newspaper. The old man next door usually awoke with a yell of 'Hoy! What's all this bloody noise! I'm trying to sleep, you bastard!'
X would crawl back into bed a little happier. At least some had been exterminated. But the next night, it always seemed they returned in greater numbers.
Although X frequently threatened his landlord with prosecution he knew the threats were really empty ones, because he'd often tried to take direct action. He'd seen officials at the Town Hall a dozen times. He'd wait with a crowd of sorry-looking people - mothers with ragged children, sullen fathers smoking- under the cold glare of the strip lighting. Then someone would grant him an interview.
Usually, it was the same man, a young, alert official, with a relaxed manner and an air of detached superiority. He clearly regarded X as having the wild look of a madman and would gently pour scorn on his claims, saying no case in his experience had ever involved such a degree of infestation.
The interviews would always go the same way. The young man would select a form, and begin to write down details.
Age? - Thirty seven/ Occupation? - Inventor/ Address? - 17 Willow Bank Rd. /Landlord? - Mr. Heller.
A pause. Councillor Heller? Of course.
'Wait a minute!' the official would suddenly exclaim, snapping his fingers and looking suspiciously at X. 'Haven't we already sent an inspector to investigate your case?'
X would reply in the affirmative, whereupon the official would tear up the form.

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It's true that an Inspector was once sent to X's rooms. He appeared on a Tuesday morning at nine thirty, attired in a long dark overcoat, white shirt and black tie and carrying a black briefcase, bulging with documents. Outside, it was snowing. He brushed snow from his coat, then entered and began his inspection. He inspected the ceiling, the skirting boards, the walls and the floor. He kept murmuring 'Mmm' and 'Isee', as he peered into cracks and holes. Finally, he took up a commanding stance.
'Now, I gather your complaint concerns various kinds of infestation'. His breath billowed in the cold air.
'That's right', replied X.

'But I see no evidence of this', said the Inspector, shrugging his shoulders.
'I dare say', retorted X. 'Not now, at least, because it's broad daylight. They come out in the middle of the night'.
'But, aren't you asleep then anyway?' The inspector asked, as if that made all the difference.
'Not always', said X, growing impatient. 'I often work by night, I am an inventor. I need the quietness of the night to think, to create things.'
'I see!' the Inspector replied. 'Unfortunately, I'm compelled to report back the the Department that I saw no conclusive evidence of massive infestation here.'
'Then come back tonight. You'll have all the proof you need!' shouted X.
'Ha!' The inspector cast his glance to the ceiling. 'Really! This is preposterous. A housing official working night shifts! No, I'm afraid the case must rest here. Unless you wish to take it up with a higher authority. I warn you, though, in view of my report, such action would be difficult.'
X began to protest. 'It's hardly my fault,' the inspector said firmly. 'I repeat, I can only report what I've seen. And, I've seen no signs of massive infestation. Frankly, not so much as a common housefly.'

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X always explained this to the young official at the Town Hall. 'I'm afraid our Inspector took the correct course of action,' the official would say. 'His report would naturally have been received here with the utmost seriousness. You could of course, apply for re-inspection.'
'What good would that do - unless the Inspector comes in the middle of the night!' X would cry in despair.
'Then why don't you seek accommodation elsewhere?' the official would say, giving X the brush off.
'Don't you think I've tried?' X would retaliate. 'All the places I've seen advertised and gone along to view - well, they're just as bad. And even more expensive. I'm not a rich man, you know. Not by any means.'
'Then you'll have to accept,' the official would say, adopting a kindly tone, 'that - if it is the case that other properties are worse and that you can't afford the very best, well, each finds his own level. Isn't this logical? You wouldn't find the King, or a high official living in your place. But to a tramp, it would be a palace! You'll just have to stay where you are. Each finds his own level in the social order, according to his means, his class and so forth, and each must accept his position in life. You can't just hop up a couple of rungs on the ladder when you feel like it,'
'Tell that to the bloody insects then!' X would shout,but the official would grant no more time. He would be ready with his disclaimer.
'I'm only a minor official, but nevertheless a busy one. I can suggest nothing other than your taking this to a higher authority. Why don't you write to your Councillor?'
'But my Councillor is my landlord! And I've told him a hundred times!'

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Such were X's difficulties. Thrown back finally on his own resources, he designed and built the machine and set it to work. At first, the results were excellent. The high-pitched frequency produced by the invention drove them away and, being inaudible to the human ear, didn't disturb the slumbers of the old man next door.
X slept easy for the first time in months. Then, Suddenly, he was wide awake in the darkness of his room. A small insect was moving here and there on his face. X leapt from the bed amd turned on the light. A few of them were scattered over the walls and ceiling. He killed as many as he could, but fear of their return kept him from sleeping.
The next day, he worked furiously to boost the output of the machine and, in the end, succeeded in increasing the power three-fold. It was all in vain. That night, they came back in vast numbers, whole armies swarming from the cracks. He killed and killed, but there was no end to the multitude.
He gave up in despair.
Then X knew, at last, that they would not cease until they had supplanted him. They would gnaw at the foundations, hollow out the walls, until the structure crumbled, crashed down and their kingdom had come.

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See p.14 for a review of more poems by Rooke and Dagger.

bloodshot

BY ALEX WARNER

Blazing fiery curled eyes
gnashed and gnarled
cupped with vengeance
streak so wild
spiralled signals of
dead ache
pace on the make
gruellin' stress & wide awake
no kip for ages
turned the pages of work worry
hurry scurry
people places all in a flurry
passages thicker
this guy was a sticker
for late nites
hi flights
black tights
and bloodshot eyes

swingboat

BY MIKE ROOKE

I say
"Let's make up our minds!"
You say:-
"Let's go to the swings!"
We make arcs of light
and everytime
the shade changes
when I stand
you go higher and higher
and "ooh" you shout with
ecstasy
and when you dip
my belly drops with excite-
ment
"Stop playing round like
children"
the child minder of the park
is saying
we laugh
like a couple of old bells
clanging in a showboat
pendulating.

poems

BY IAN DAGGER

Dr. Ernest Holmes, non-conformist pathologist, decided to hold a pre-mortem on Mrs. Edna Pagett, a cleaner at the morgue.
His conclusion was that she had died from scalpel wounds coupled with the systematic removal of her major organs.

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I can down a pint in 4 seconds
Huh, I can down one in 2 seconds flat.
Vell, I can down one in 1.428
of a f...ing second mate.
You know Jonny down at Bull, well he, an' am not bullshitin, can drop a pint in minus 2.4 seconds
Shit me, how does he do that?
Gets a glass, pukes up in it, causing, as he claims, an Einsteinian time reversal syndrome breaching the laws of scientific reasoning.
In fact, he now holds regular meetings in the snug, claiming to be the second messiah.

EYE ON THE MEDIA

Homegrown Poems & Play

Stand and Deliver with Ian Dagger, Mike Rooke

in Tameside Theatre bar.

'Stand and Deliver' is a music and poetry reading formula devised by Mike Rooke and Ian Dagger. They've performed at various pubs locally, and appeared at Tameside theatre courtesy of North West Arts and Tameside Arts and Libraries. They both read twice, with snatches of folk music providing interludes.

Mike Rooke is an amazing performer, huge with red fuzzy beard and clad in red. He enacted a group of poems about childhood, jumping up and down, booing and baby talking at the audience, dancing and hide and seeking around the tiny stage. He has a nasty habit of devaluing his poems by announcing before each one, 'Well, I suppose this is about...' and summing up the poem in three words. If you can sum it up in three words why bother with the poem? In fact, several of the poems were much better than that. I did cringe at being told 'I suppose this is rather middle class' though, on the subject of a small boy imagining (horror) summer holidays.

The danger for anyone writing about kids is that of verging on the twee, which he did - but he also captured some of the spite, fantasy and danger of kids' worlds - and drew connections with our 'grown up' ones.

Ian Dagger achieved the astounding feat of making the embarassingly tiny audience roar with laughter - his poems are somewhere between the Liverpool poets and John Cooper-Clarke, and to my mind, funnier than either.

Flights of fancy are embellished with loving detail; the man who ate a bus devoured 'the passenger rail coated in well-matured bogeys' and when the Textile and Embroidery Lecturer's experiment went wrong, the inhabitants of Mottram were terrorised by 'Navaho patchwork quilts'. His funniest poems are the take-offs of pub/bus conversations; men comparing performance of their cars ('trillions of m.p.h.') and their pricks, which are measured in feet then yards, whilst the poet quietly comments, 'Five inches when pushed'. It's easy to take off adverts, but not to do it well; the build-up to the line spoken by the lady in the new Dagger Daz commercial 'In fact, it's so good we eat it,' was brilliant. Look out for them - it's an evening well spent.

Mike Rooke and Ian Dagger are looking for a regular venue for poetry reading and music, and would be interested to hear from others who write or make music and who'd like to Stand and Deliver with them. And we're looking for poems to print. For Stand and Deliver write to Mike Rooke c/o us, and we'll forward it; for publication in these pages, write to Page 13, Tameside Eye, c/o 109 Oxford Rd.

'You can see Belle Vue from Hattersley, Grandma' by Tom Evans

per, formed at the Community Centre Mottram, by Longendale Theatre Group

'You can see Belle Vue" etc. turned out to be very much as its title suggests; slice o'life northern family drama, featuring hen-pecked hubby, domineering frigid missus, and a knowing old witch of a grandma. The plot was simple- and all too familiar in this area - Grandma is due to be rehoused from a housing clearance area to a new council flat (Hattersley?) and refuses to budge. The family weigh in with pleas and threats, and suddenly grandma vanishes, leaving a startled and guilty family to pick up their pieces.

It was at this point that the play rose above having funny stock characters and showed that the playwright is capable of more. Each member of the family delivered a monologue giving his/her reactions to Grandma's disappearance. The wife came alive here, transformed from a comic strip nag to a highly convincing character, confused, guilty, desperate.

It was a pity that grandma popped up again at the end, to tell us she'd run away to an old folks home; seemed like a neat ending rather than a fitting one.

Dialogue was snappy, though heavily landed with stock jokes - rebellious daughter and her new afro hair style are greeted with such remarks as, 'Did you leave your spear on the doorstep?' and father comments of the housing bureaucrat dealing with granny, 'No wonder he needs a two hour lunchbreak - it's to sop up all those cups o' tea!'

The structure of short scenes intercut would enable it to transplant very well to T.V.- and I've seen many worse things on the box. Unfortunate that the production could not be up to the standard of the script. A switch-happy lunatic seemed to be in control of the three spotlights, and the cast read from scripts. It would be good to see this given the careful production it deserves, for a BIG Tameside audience.

Record Review

Do It Yourself` by Ian Dury and the Blockheads

This record is definitely not as obvious as last years 'New Boots and Panties" in fact, the first time I heard it I thought it, apart from one or two tracks, a bit on the thin side, no depth. However, after two or three plays it becomes clear that actually it's one hell of a record. The patchiness of 'New Boots' has gone and what we have here, at least according to Stiffs Dave Robinson is a "MOR masterpiece" The styles, as usual, range from music hall (This is what we find) thru rock 'n' roll (Uneasy sunny day hotsy totsy) to some beautiful free form sax-blowing on the suitably titled "Dance of the screamers".
The rest is pop for now people, from the superb "sink my boats" with its lovely off-key chorus to the suspense filled "Waiting for your taxi" which has to have the dirtiest sax-break I've heard for ages. One or two of the tracks have the dirtiest words too.

Ian Dury

Well, not dirty, stupid word that, childish vulgarity is Dury's bag in places ("... and with a bit of tissue he wiped it bum-hole clean") and it's definitely not as Tommy the talking tool box would have us believe (fun for all the family to enjoy)

The musicians are excellent, particularly guitar and key boards man Chas Jankel who also produced the thing.
At this point, Brian next door thinks I ought to mention that the album is available with twelve different sleeves which are perfect examples of early art from the Crown Wallpaper pattern book. So, there you are and as Dury says....
"The hope that springs eternal springs right up your behind"
Bye Bye for now.
Mick Lomas
In association with Brian next door.

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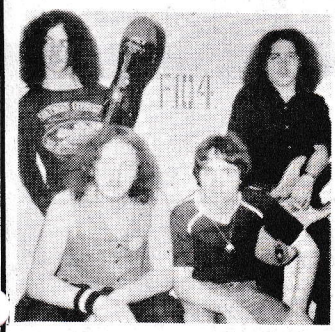

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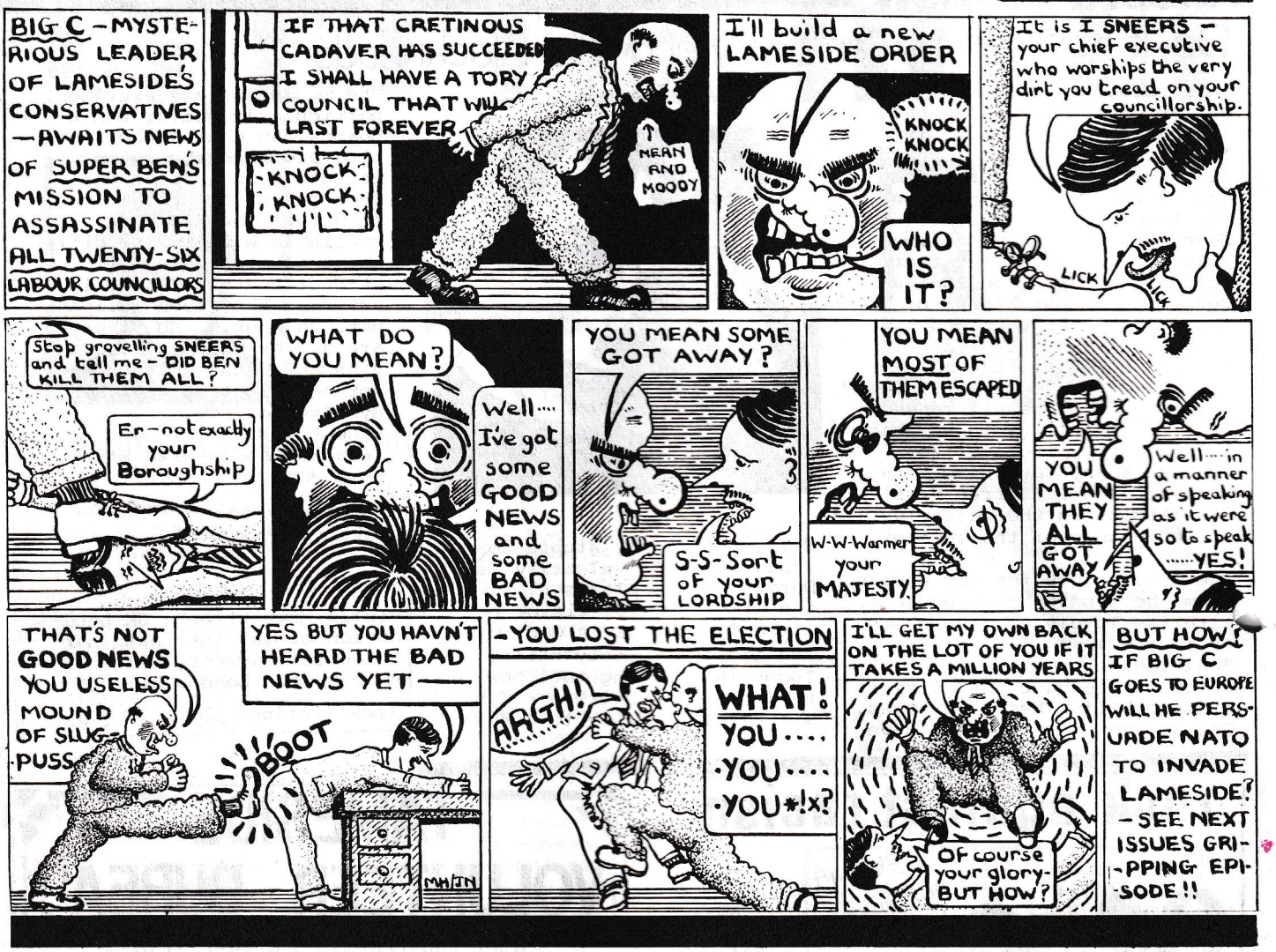
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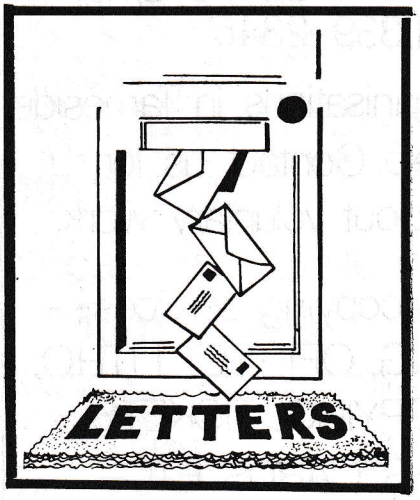
IF THAT CRETINOUS CADAVER HAS SUCCEEDED I SHALL HAVE A TORY COUNCIL THAT WILL LAST FOREVER
KNOCK KNOCK
MEAN AND MOODY
I'll build a new LAMESIDE ORDER
KNOCK KNOCK
WHO IS IT?
It is I SNEERS - your chief executive who worships the very dirt you tread on your councillorship.
LICK
Stop grovelling SNEERS and tell me - DID BEN KILL THEM ALL?
Er - not exactly your Boroughship
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Well.... I've got some GOOD NEWS and some BAD NEWS
YOU MEAN SOME GOT AWAY?
S-S-Sort of your LORDSHIP
YOU MEAN MOST OF THEM ESCAPED
W-W-Warmer your MAJESTY
YOU MEAN THEY ALL GOT AWAY
Well.... in a manner of speaking as it were so to speak .....YES!
THAT'S NOT GOOD NEWS YOU USELESS MOUND OF SLUG-PUSS
YES BUT YOU HAVN'T HEARD THE BAD NEWS YET —
BOOT
MH/IN
YOU LOST THE ELECTION
ARGH!
WHAT! YOU.... YOU.... YOU*!x?
I'LL GET MY OWN BACK ON THE LOT OF YOU IF IT TAKES A MILLION YEARS
Of course your glory - BUT HOW?
BUT HOW? IF BIG C GOES TO EUROPE WILL HE PERSUADE NATO TO INVADE LAMESIDE? - SEE NEXT ISSUES GRIPPING EPISODE!!



Dear Volunteers of Tameside Eye,
I bought your paper this month (May) for the first time I was very disappointed with it. I expected to read about where the system failed and of the way certain people and organisations went wrong and made mistakes and that is what I got (or should I say ALL I got). There was no constructive advice of how they could rectify their mistakes nor was there any useful tips on how to stop it happening again.

Anyone can point an accusing finger and as most people are not perfect the finger pointers can usually find some scandal about the best of us. But could you do better? evidently not, for if you knew the answers why did you not print them, come to that if you think you could run things better than the people you knock then you have failed in your right as a Tameside citizen by not standing for council or parliament elections. If you can put the world to rights why don't you?
If you can only see mistakes in others then either you are not looking hard enough or you need your eyes testing. To simply expose and print mistakes without any known remedy for them only succeeds in giving people a black and demoralising outlook on life. Not everyone is bad or does bad, only you don't seem to realise that one, very important point.

Yours faithfully,
STELLA C. (HYDE)

EYE REPLY:
Sorry, we haven't got the answers either. However, our elected representatives and bosses always claim to have, which, in our book, makes them fair game for criticism.

Dear Editor,

I was intrigued by the portrait you painted of Robert Sheldon MP in your Anti-election Special ("EYE May 1979 No.6). Bob DOES have an "impeccable" background, and IS widely recognised as a "caring" MP of "radical" Socialist principles.

But as far as his "occasional large donation to Party funds" goes, either you have been misinformed about the state of our finances or his contributions have gone astray in the post.

If the latter is the case can I take this opportunity of reminding Bob, and indeed anyone else who may wish to make a contribution by JOINING THE LABOUR PARTY, that they should write to me.

Yours in anticipation '
John Evans (sec Ashton LP)
10 Ullswater Avenue,
Ashton-under-Lyne.

EYE REPLY:
ROBERT SHELDON HAS GIVEN MONEY TO THE LABOUR PARTY.